

SENIOR STAFF MEETING

AGENDA

Director's Conference Room
Second Floor
Administration Building
Monday, 3 November 1958

Congressional Relations

Mr. Dulles

United Givers Fund Drive

Mr. Stewart

Language Development Program
(Approximate 15 Minute Presentation)

Colonel Baird and

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Director's Senior Staff Meeting of 3 November 1958

1. Mr. Dulles opened the staff meeting and requested that ideas and/or suggestions be submitted on ways and means of improving the staff meetings. He requested that ideas for the staff meeting be taken up with himself or General Cabell. Mr. Dulles spoke briefly on the Commune system in China which has recently been put into effect in some of the provinces in that country. Mr. Dulles pointed out that the system advocated a breakdown of workers as cadres performing work in factories and in the fields. He also pointed out that if this system is successful in China, the Reds would be able to flood Southeast Asia with the production of foods and industrial products and would in turn be a very serious threat to the free world. (Mr. Dulles left at this point to go to the Department of State).

2. Mr. Stewart spoke briefly on the results of the United Givers Fund drive which \$78,432 has been received to date constituting 78% of our \$100,000 goal. It is to be noted here that \$80,000 goal was set by the United Givers Fund group. Mr. Stewart also advised that the PSAS has a goal of \$12,000 and that a return of \$10,000 had been received to date constituting approximately 82% of its goal.

3. Colonel Baird gave a presentation on the results of the language development program which has been in effect in the Agency since February of 1957. Colonel Baird advised that this program provides for monetary incentives for language proficiency and the program is voluntary insofar as language training is concerned. Colonel Baird remarked that the Office of Training has given instruction to over 10,000 students since the overall training program was established; that 190 courses have been given comprising 17 different languages (this is all on an involuntary basis). He stated that there is a qualifications register in the Office of Training maintained as a result of the language development program which records the language skill in the Agency. In regard to the language development program, there were persons tested and the cost to the Agency during FY 1958 was as follows:

Training
Testing
Awards

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Colonel Baird advised that there have been 11 full-time language courses cancelled and approximately 30 part-time language courses cancelled all as a result of the language development program. To date, there have been 839 awards given to 575 persons comprising 25 languages. There has been a 62% increase in the number of students taking language training as a result of the language development program.

4. At this time there was some general discussion concerning guidance for senior personnel in the language development program. General Cabell remarked that the first year of the program has brought about some very amazing results but that we have reached the stage where personnel of the Agency, particularly senior personnel, should be told as to what 1 language courses would be preferred on an individual basis.

5. Colonel White spoke briefly on the building program and stated that by the middle of December bids would be advertised for the construction of the building. He said that the contract would in all probability be awarded in February of next year. In order to stay within our overall appropriation for the construction of the building, the contract will contain items for the various contractors to bid on which will if excluded will reduce the overall cost of the construction of the building. Colonel White said that the George Washington Parkway would be finished in 1959.

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